

Based on the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the outstanding rejections and they be withdrawn.

***Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102***

In the Office Action, claim 8 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) for being anticipated by European Patent Application No. 1 091 238 A2 issued to Song, *et al.* ("Song"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants are currently preparing a statement that the originally filed specification is accurate translation of the certified copy, which should be filed shortly, in order to overcome the effective date of Song, April 11, 2001. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection over claim 8 be withdrawn.

***Double Patenting***

In the Office Action, claims 1-7 have been provisionally rejected under a doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-7 of copending Application No. 09.928,349. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

To overcome this rejection, Applicants have filed a Preliminary Amendment to cancel claims 1-7 of Application No. 09.928,349. Thus, it is requested that the rejection over claims 1-7 be withdrawn.

**CONCLUSION**

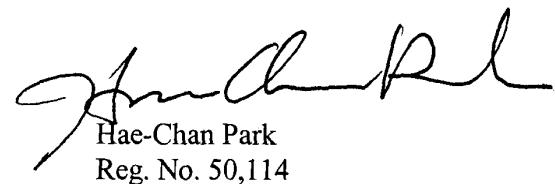
All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner

reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, claims 1-8 are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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